

ANNUAL MEETING WITH STATE ENGINEER AND THE WATER USERS  
OF THE DUCHESNE AND STRAWBERRY RIVERS WATER USERS, INC.

March 15, 1972

Meeting called to order by Donald C. Norseth of the State Engineer's office at 11:15 a.m. at the Duchesne County Courthouse.

Mr. Norseth noted the court orders that had been issued requiring all diversions on the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers to have a approved measuring device and headgate before any diversion of water can be made in the 1972 irrigation season.

Mr. Norseth recognized the president of the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers Water Users Association, Mr. Ray Thomas, and turned the meeting over to him to conduct.

The minutes of last years annual meeting were read by Leo L. Brady, acting secretary.

Motion: By Mr. Clifton Mickelson, seconded by Mr. Melvin B. White that minutes of last years meeting be approved as read. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: By Mr. Melvin B. White, seconded by Mr. Frank Liddell that the Financial report as follows be approved.

A- Balance of distribution trust funds January 1, 1971:	\$3,539.50
B- Receipts and Expenditures:	
1- Receipts (a) Regular Assessments	\$9,020.48
(b) Delinquent Collections	\$ 307.58
(c) Total Receipts	\$9,328.06
2- Expenditures	\$7,312.15
C- Balance of Distribution Trust Funds Dec. 31, 1971	\$5,555.41
Delinquent accounts as of March 6, 1972 amount to	\$687.51
Motion passed unanimously.	

Commissioners Report: Given by Mr. Loryn S. Ross. Commissioner Ross stated 1971 had been a good water year to all irrigators on the system with regulation starting on diversions on August 1, 1971 - on this date a duty was being delivered at the rate of 1 c.f.s to 70 acres this lasted for about one week and after some filings had been cut off a court injunction was obtained by a group of irrigators and a court order was issued directing the commissioner to regulate the system as had been done in past years.

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The Central Utah Water Conservancy District delivered a total of 15,034 acre feet of water to several irrigators on the river system during 1971. Mr. Ross stated that only one water user had been completely shut off during the 1971 irrigation season with most irrigators having more than one water right certificate to use water on their farms being the reason for this. Mr. Ross expressed appreciation to the water users for their cooperation and stated that he had enjoyed his work on the river system and looked forward to working on the system in 1972.

Mr. Norseth presented a proposed budget of \$8,850.00 as follows for the coming year:

1- Commissioners Salary	\$ 5,100.00
Matching Social Security	240.00
Matching State Retirement	212.50
Commissioner Travel Expense @ 10¢ per mile	1,600.00
Commissioner Telephone Expense	100.00
Bonds & Insurance Premiums	30.00
Distribution Supplies & Equipment	300.00
Misc. Expense	27.50
Annual Report	240.00
Board of Directors Expense	500.00
Deputy Commissioner if needed	500.00

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Total 1972 budget - - - - - \$ 8,850.00

This budget was to be assessed to the river system at a total of \$7,500.00 with the balance needed to be taken from Distribution System Trust Funds.

Motion: By Mr. Clifton Mickelson, seconded by Mr. Robert Pepper to accept the proposed budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjudication: Mr. Norseth stated that during the coming month a court order will be issued by the 4th District Judicial Judge for the administration of the River System during 1972 irrigation season.

A program of water loss studies in canals will be made during 1972 on selected representative canals by the State Engineer's Office and the United States Geological Survey. These will be correlated with other such studies already made to determine what conveyance losses are, this information will then be used in the Adjudication of Water Rights on the Duchesne & Strawberry Rivers.

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Motion: By Mr. Frank Liddell, seconded by Mr. Robert Pepper that Loryn S. Ross be appointed as Water Commissioner for 1972. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Norseth suggested that the account of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District be assessed on the basis of acre feet of project water delivered to various users during the 1971 irrigation season.

Mr. Loryn Ross lead a discussion on the purchase of a Pen-Vane water measuring device purchased by Mr. Jay Abbott. It was suggested that the State Engineer assess and collect on the annual water assessment to those water users that use the Pen-Vane the cost of the purchase of this instrument.

Motion: By Mr. Leon Ross, seconded by Mr. Wayne Jones that the State Engineer assess on a acreage basis for land served to those water users using the Pen-Vane and that Mr. Abbott be reimbursed immediately from River System Trust Funds the purchase cost of the Pen-Vane with the assessments collected for this cost being placed back into the River System Trust Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jack Nielsen of the U.S. Indian Service requested that the small ditches and canals on the system be placed on a turn schedule to enable these irrigators to get a reasonable sized irrigation stream of water. The State Engineer indicated that they would be willing to cooperate on such a program.

The following were in attendance at the meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Loryn S. Ross	Water Commissioner
Frank Liddell	Duchesne & Strawberry Rivers
Leon Ross	Uintah Basin Irrigation Co.
Maurice Harvey	Uintah Basin Irrigation Co.
Jack Nielsen	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Joe Clayburn	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bill Streitz	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Mack Cole	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Rex Curry	Ute Indian Tribe
Earl Van Tassell	Tabby Irrigation Co.
Merlin Broadhead	Wright Ditch
Burnell Turnbow	Turnbow Ditch
Robert W. Pepper	Wright Ranch Corp.
Alden Muir	Red Creek Irrigation Co.
Francis Brooks	Red Creek Irrigation Co.
Earvin Murphy	Duchesne & Strawberry Rivers
Frank Murphy	Duchesne Irrigation Co.
Bill Christensen	Moon Lake Water Users Ass'n.
Nick Defa	Little Farm Creek Irrigation Co.
Frank T. Defa	Little Farm Creek Irrigation Co.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Stephen B. Smith	U. S. Forest Service
Grant K. Jense	State Division of Wildlife Resources
Bruce Jensen	State Division of Wildlife Resources
Glen Remund	Duchesne & Strawberry Rivers
Jay Abbott	Duchesne & Strawberry Rivers
Earl Wright	Duchesne & Strawberry Rivers
Ray Thomas	Duchesne & Strawberry Rivers
Leo L. Brady	Central Utah Water Conservancy District

Those serving on the Board of Directors for the Duchesne & Strawberry Rivers Water Users Association, Inc. are:

✓ Mr. Ray Thomas, President	Duchesne, Utah
✓ Mr. Jay Abbott, Vice President	Duchesne, Utah
✓ Mr. Earl N. Wright	Duchesne, Utah
✓ Mr. Glen Remund	Duchesne, Utah
✓ Mr. Earvin Murphy	Bridgeland, Utah
✓ Mr. Leon Ross	Myton, Utah
✓ Mr. Frank Liddell	Myton, Utah
✓ Mr. Leland Wright, Secretary	Duchesne, Utah

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Leo L. Brady  
Acting Secretary